

2026 Liquid Bulk Symposium

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130

AGENDA

9:00 am - 9:45 am

Symposium Registration & Coffee

9:45 am - 9:50 am

Introduction

Kevin Wild, Vice President Business Development, Page & Jones, Inc.

9:50 am - 10:00 am

Port of New Orleans Update

Beth Branch, President & Chief Executive Officer, Port of New Orleans - Chief Executive Officer, New Orleans Public Belt

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Powering Louisiana's Chemical Economy: Investment, Growth, and Challenges

David Cresson, President & CEO, Louisiana Chemical Association

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Rethinking Duty Management: Are FTZs and Bonded Warehouses the Answer ?

Chris Kane, Partner & Global Trade, Transportation & Logistics Team Leader, Adams & Reese L.L.P.

Melzie Wilson, CES, CCS, LCB, Global Zolutions

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Lunch

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1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Gate to Gate: Trucking and Cargo Flow at the Port of New Orleans

Moderator- Janine Mansour, Director of Trade Development, Port of New Orleans

Kris Calkins, General Manager, New Orleans Terminal, LLC

David Kearney, Chief Executive Officer, The Kearney Companies, Inc., Precision Terminal Logistics, LLC

Keith Palmisano, General Manager, Ports America

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Liquid Bulk Logistics: Insights from Shipping, Rail, and Ocean Carriers

Moderator- Jeff Louis, President, Freedom Intermodal

Ocean Carrier, TBA

Milind Balaji, Global Supply Chain Executive, ExxonMobil

Andy Vollmer, Senior Field Sales Manager, Norfolk Southern

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Liquid Bulk Transport: An ITCO Industry Briefing on Markets, Technology, and Regulation

Paul Gooch, Executive Director, International Tank Container Organisation

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

The Anatomy of a Response: Coordinated Action When Every Second Counts

Moderator- Aaron Montgomery, President & Chief Executive Officer, Ouray Environmental Services, LLC

Eric Curlee, Louisiana State Trooper, Louisiana State Police

Kevin Lavezzo, Associate Director, Operations Center, CHEMTREC

Corey Love, Fleet Management Specialist, LANXESS

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Evening Reception, Tchoup Yard

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